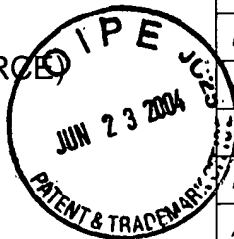


Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal

Address to:  
Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Application Number	09/841,156
Filing Date	April 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2813
Examiner Name	Erik Kielin
Attorney Docket Number	12732-033001

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)

  - ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendment filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☒ Other Amendment filed on June 1, 2004
  - ☐ Enclosed
    - ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Miscellaneous**

  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
    - ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - ☒ Other Any deficiencies 06-1050
  - ☒ Checks in the amount of \$ 770 and \$ 310 are enclosed for the required RCE fee and Extension of Time fee.
  - ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Roberto J. Devito	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	55,108
Signature		Date	6/23/04

06/25/2004 AWONDAF1 00000033 09841156

01 FC:1801 770.00 OP

06/25/2004 AWONDAF1 00000122 061050 09841156

01 FC:1252 310.00 DA

The PTO did not receive the following

listed item(s) Cheque \$310 but  
\$770